

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A camera comprising:  
a display;  
a customizable menu that comprises a plurality of selectable items that  
respectively correspond to selected tasks or actions that may be performed by a user;  
5 and  
apparatus that provides speaking capabilities and which is programmed with a  
preassigned customized descriptor for each of the selectable items of the menu that  
represent the respective action performed when a particular item is selected;  
wherein, when a particular item of the menu is selected, the preassigned  
10 customized descriptor associated with that particular item is audiblized using the  
speaking capabilities.
2. The camera recited in Claim 1 which communicates with an external device,  
and wherein the selectable items, when selected, cause the selected task or action to be  
performed on the external device in a preprogrammed manner.
3. The camera recited in Claim 1 which comprises a digital camera.
4. The camera recited in Claim 2 wherein the tasks are selected from a group  
consisting of printing, e-mailing, archiving and downloading data from the system.
5. The camera recited in Claim 2 wherein the external device comprises a  
printer.
6. The camera recited in Claim 2 wherein the external device comprises a  
computer.
7. The camera recited in Claim 1 wherein the selectable items comprise icons.
8. The camera recited in Claim 1 wherein the selectable items comprise text.

9. The camera recited in Claim 1 wherein the selectable items are displayable on the display.

10. A camera for communicating with an external device, comprising:  
a display  
a customizable menu that comprises a plurality of selectable items that respectively correspond to selected tasks or actions that may be performed by a user,  
5 and which initiate a through connection with the external device, and, when selected, cause the selected task or action to be performed on the external device in a preprogrammed manner; and  
apparatus that provides speaking capabilities and which is programmed with a preassigned customized descriptor for each of the selectable items of the menu that  
10 represent the respective action performed when a particular item is selected;  
wherein, when a particular item of the menu is selected, the preassigned customized descriptor associated with that particular item is audiblized using the speaking capabilities.

11. The camera recited in Claim 10 which comprises a digital camera.

12. The camera recited in Claim 10 wherein the tasks are selected from a group consisting of printing, e-mailing, archiving and downloading data from the system.

13. The camera recited in Claim 10 wherein the external device comprises a printer.

14. The camera recited in Claim 10 wherein the external device comprises a computer.

15. The camera recited in Claim 10 wherein the selectable items comprise icons.

16. The camera recited in Claim 10 wherein the selectable items comprise text.

17. The camera recited in Claim 10 wherein the selectable items are displayable on the display.

18. A method comprising the steps of;  
configuring a device to have a display and speaking capabilities;  
configuring the device to have a customizable menu system including a menu  
comprises a plurality of selectable items that respectively correspond to selected tasks or  
5 actions that may be performed by a user;  
programming the customizable menu system with a preassigned customized  
descriptor for each of the selectable items of the menu that represent the respective  
action performed when a particular item is selected; and  
when a particular item of the menu is selected, audiblizing the preassigned  
10 customized descriptor associated with that particular item using the speaking  
capabilities.

19. The method recited in Claim 18 wherein the device is configured to  
communicate with an external device, and wherein the selectable items, when selected,  
cause the selected task or action to be performed on the external device in a  
preprogrammed manner.

20. The method recited in Claim 18 wherein the device comprises a digital  
camera.

21. The method recited in Claim 18 wherein the tasks are selected from a group  
consisting of printing, e-mailing, archiving and downloading data from the system.

22. The method recited in Claim 19 wherein the external device comprises a  
printer.

23. The method recited in Claim 19 wherein the external device comprises a  
computer.

24. The method recited in Claim 18 wherein the selectable items comprise icons.

25. The method recited in Claim 18 wherein the selectable items comprise text.

26. The method recited in Claim 18 wherein the selectable are displayable on the  
display.

27. A camera comprising:

a display;

customizable selection means comprising a plurality of selectable items for performing selected tasks or actions; and

5 programmable speaking means that provides speaking capabilities and comprises a preassigned customized descriptor for each of the selectable items, for performing a desired action when a particular item is selected.

28. The camera recited in Claim 27 wherein, when a particular item is selected, the preassigned customized descriptor associated with that particular item is audiblized using the speaking capabilities.